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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. The reply brief filed 6/6/2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

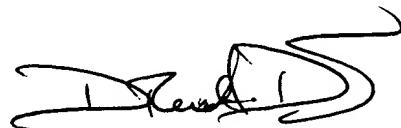
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